



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)**  
**AWARENESS MONTH**  
NOVEMBER 2004

**WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, chronic lung diseases, known collectively as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases cost the United States an estimated \$32 billion a year; and

**WHEREAS**, 16 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form of COPD with a similar number undiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness, early detection and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing of the spread of lung disease in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to be aware of their respiratory health and informed about the factors that affect that health; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2004, **CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State